

MEMO

DATE: September 14, 2006

TO: Administration Committee
Regional Council

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SUBJECT: Contracts and Purchase Orders between \$5,000 - \$250,000 and
MOU's between \$5,000 - \$250,000

SUMMARY:

SCAG executed the following Contract(s) between \$5,000 and \$250,000

- Aerial Information Systems \$ 44,789
General Plan Land Use Assessment
- Bartel Associates, LLC \$ 9,000
Actuarial Valuation Study
- EIP Associates \$249,894
Transit Oriented Development Plan
- GIS Consultants \$ 22,546
Parcel Data Consortium Development
- I.K. Curtis Services \$ 49,778
Aerial Imagery Services
- Jack Faucett Associates \$ 98,465
Energy Planning
- Meyer, Mohaddes Associates \$124,970
HPMS/RTMIS Assessment
- Vasquez Associates \$215,400
Auditing Services and Executive Consultation

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SCAG executed the following Purchase Order(s) between \$5,000 and \$250,000

- BEHR Consulting \$ 5,000.00
VPN (Virtual Private Network) and backup network support
- Cal State Fullerton \$ 10,000.00
Regional Forecasting & Policy Analysis by Professor Anil Puri
- Cal State Long Beach \$ 10,000.00
Regional Forecasting & Policy Analysis by Professor Lisa Grobar
- Dell Government Leasing & Finance \$103,251.72
Lease of Dell computers
- Eclipse Printing & Graphics \$ 5,020.64
SCAG Letterhead
- General Networks Corporation \$ 15,000.00
IT Implementation Support, as needed
- IBM Corporation \$ 13,842.00
Annual renewal of IBM Hardware Support Agreement
- Intuit Inc. \$ 6,052.00
Annual renewal of CMS (Contact Management System) Support
- Murphy Printing Company \$ 8,815.15
Blanket Order for Business Cards for a three year term
- National Association of Regional Councils (NARC) \$ 25,000.00
Annual Membership dues and Program Support
- Planet Bids \$ 7,500.00
Support Services for RFP/Bid Management web site
- Sapphire Technologies \$ 31,000.00
Temporary Staffing
- Workrite Ergonomics, Inc. \$ 5,610.88
Keyboard trays

SCAG executed the following MOU(s) between \$5,000 and \$250,000

- None

CONSULTANT CONTRACT

Consultant: Aerial Information Systems

Scope: The region covered by the Southern California Association of Governments, known as the SCAG Region, includes the counties of Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside, San Bernardino, Ventura and Imperial. As part of the data collection for this area, SCAG and the Coachella Valley Association of Governments require consultant assistance in the preparation of a general plan land use database. As part of the preparation of the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP), COMPASS, and other planning activities it is necessary to acquire future land use information for the SCAG region. The data collected through this effort will also be used in the preparation of the RTP Growth Forecast, 2% Strategy implementation and monitoring. In addition, the final product will be made available to local jurisdictions and other interested stakeholders.

The purpose of this study is to collect the general plan land use information for each of the jurisdictions located within the Coachella Valley and San Gabriel Valley. The information collected through this effort will be combined with similar subregional work efforts to produce a regional future land use database.

The Consultant will work with Subregional and SCAG staff to collect land use information from approximately 30 jurisdictions. The data will then be coded into a geographic information system file for each Subregion. The system file will preserve the unique land use code of each jurisdiction while generalizing the various land uses into 23 regional categories. By standardizing on these 23 regional codes we can take the disparate information and do analyses on a regional scale. The resulting database will be used by SCAG staff for regional planning activities such as determining the build-out capacity for the SCAG region for both residential and economic development.

Contract Amount:	Total not to exceed	\$44,789
	Aerial Information Systems (prime)	\$44,789

Contract Period: August 15, 2006 through June 30, 2007

Work Element:	07-040.CVGC1	\$29,899	Funding Sources: Consolidated
	07-040.SGVC1	\$14,890	Planning Grant – FTA

Request for Proposal: SCAG staff notified 203 pre-qualified firms of the release of RFP No. 07-006. The RFP was also advertised on The Urban Transportation Monitor's web site, American Planning Association's website and posted on SCAG's bid management system. The following five proposals were received in response to the solicitation:

Aerial Information Systems (no subcontractors)	\$44,789
BonTerra Consulting (no subcontractors)	\$44,574
EDAW, Inc. (no subcontractors)	\$44,998
Urban Crossroads (3 subcontractors)	\$53,500
(submitted bid for three Subregions but did not price separately)	
Wilbur Smith (no subcontractors)	\$44,838

Selection Process:

The Proposal Review Committee (PRC) evaluated all five proposals in accordance with the criteria set forth in the RFP, and the selection process was conducted in a manner consistent with all applicable Federal and State contracting regulations. Interviews were held with the top two offerors.

The PRC was comprised of the following individuals:

Catherine McMillan, Director of Government Affairs, CVAG
Javier Minjares, Sr. Regional Planner, SCAG
Cheryl Powell, Sr. Transportation Planner, Caltrans District 7
Ping Wang, Sr. GIS Analyst, SCAG
Elizabeth Wojdak, Sr. GIS Analyst, SCAG

Basis for Selection:

The PRC committee recommends Aerial Information Systems for the contract award because of the firm's unique qualifications to fulfill the requirements of the project. Aerial Information Systems is willing, able and capable to meet the demands of this project within the limited budget. In addition, due to the recent change in the project administration for the San Gabriel Valley this portion of the work will not commence until the Budget Amendment is approved. Originally the scope of work was to have the Consultant work concurrently on the Coachella Valley and San Gabriel Valley.

Aerial Information Systems is committed to working with each jurisdiction to collect their general plan land use information. Once the information has been collected they will make any changes and provide updates to the current general plan land use database that was developed in 2004. Aerial Information Systems will digitize data and convert the resulting information into an electronic map that is compatible with SCAG's GIS System. Aerial Information Systems will then work with the local jurisdictions to perform map review and quality control. Once the local jurisdictions have approved and/or corrected the hardcopy maps provided for local review, the Consultant will make the necessary changes. Aerial Information Systems will then submit to SCAG a Subregional file for review and quality control by SCAG staff. After any changes have been made Aerial Information Systems will create a Subregion file for submission to SCAG by June 30, 2007.

Aerial Information has performed a considerable amount of land use

work within the region. Aerial Information Systems has conducted work on both existing and general plan land use for both the Coachella Valley and the SCAG region. Aerial Information Systems is very knowledgeable of key land use issues facing the region. Aerial Information Systems has performed existing land use work for SCAG in 1990, 1993, 2001 and 2006. Aerial Information Systems has conducted general plan work for a number of jurisdictions within the study areas for this project. Aerial Information Systems have consistently performed work within budget and under very aggressive time constraints without a diminishment in the quality of their work. Aerial Information Systems is very well qualified to fulfill the overall objective of this study.

CONSULTANT CONTRACT

Consultant: EIP Associates

Scope: In this subregional project, SCAG and the City of Los Angeles are seeking consultants to assist in the preparation of a land use/transit-oriented development plan and market study for ½ mile around the Exposition Rail station at La Cienega and Jefferson Boulevards. The plan will build upon previous supportive efforts, as noted below, and identify detailed community opportunities for economic development, transit oriented linkage opportunities for increasing multi-modal access to the station, and land use and urban design guidelines to create or enhance the community's identity. The market study will identify future community and/or regional demand for housing, jobs, and retail services within ½ mile of the station area. It is important to note that the ½ mile station area boundary includes a portion of the City of Culver City. While this plan will potentially recommend new zoning and performance standards for the areas of Los Angeles it will make no recommendations regarding the land uses within Culver City, but will reflect the city's current and long range land use plans when considering the station area as a whole.

It is the City of Los Angeles' intention that the land use/transit-oriented development plan will serve as a platform from which to develop implementing ordinances, measures and environmental clearances, as appropriate, that can be included in the soon to be updated West-Adams Baldwin Hills Leimert Community Plan. The City of Los Angeles will secondly identify funding sources for transportation improvements and mitigation measures to further enable plan implementation. The market study will provide a basis for substantiating transit-oriented goals and defining economic infill development opportunities most likely to attract employers, housing developers and retailers to the communities adjacent to the La Cienega/Jefferson Station.

The successful development and implementation of a transit oriented plan for the La Cienega/Jefferson Station Area presents an opportunity to demonstrate to the community, local cities, and the region, the benefits, impacts, methodologies, strategies and most effective planning tools for transforming a fragmented, vehicular oriented, low to medium density corridor into a cohesive, vibrant pedestrian and transit oriented community. As the Los Angeles region continues to confront the negative effects of congestion resulting from a history of sprawl and segregated land uses, transit oriented developments can present a positive alternative whereby housing, jobs and neighborhood services are all located within walkable proximity and a greater proportion of trips are pedestrian, bicycle and transit in nature. The City of Los Angeles views this project as a pilot transit-oriented plan that will form the basis for

Contract Amount:	Total not to exceed	\$249,894
	EIP Associates (prime)	\$ 94,104
	RNL Design (subcontractor)	\$ 48,000
	Katz, Okitsu (subcontractor)	\$ 29,825
	Keyser, Marston (subcontractor)	\$ 49,000
	Patricia Smith (subcontractor)	\$ 19,965
	GC Tech (subcontractor)	\$ 9,000

Work Element:	07-140.CLAC1	\$249,894	Funding Sources: FTA 5303
		\$32,391	In-kind match

Arroyo Group (4 subcontractors)	\$249,677
Carter & Burgess (6 subcontractors)	\$249,930
Dahlin Group (4 subcontractors)	\$249,926
EDAW (3 subcontractors)	\$249,839
EIP Associates (5 subcontractors)	\$249,894
Fregonese Calthorpe (5 subcontractors)	\$249,933
IBI Group (3 subcontractors)	\$249,720
MDA Johnson Favaro (3 subcontractors)	\$245,149
Roger Sherman Architecture (4 subcontractors)	\$249,997
Torti Gallas & Partners (4 subcontractors)	\$249,564

Jane Blumenfeld, Principal City Planner, Los Angeles City Planning Dept.
 Claire Bowin, Planning Assistant, Los Angeles City Planning Dept.
 Jordann Turner, City Planning Associate, Los Angeles City Planning Dept.
 Miles Mitchell, Sr. Management Analyst, Los Angeles Dept. of Transportation

Peter Brandenburg, Associate Regional Planner, SCAG

Basis for Selection:

The PRC recommends the consultant team led by EIP Associates for the contract award because of the firm's unique qualifications to fulfill the requirements of the project. EIP is willing and able to meet the highly demanding requirements of this project within a very limited budget. They are committed to performing and documenting the required transit-oriented development planning work within a 12 month period.

The EIP team was ultimately selected for its well-balanced capacities for, and experience with, urban design, community process, analytical market study, and an understanding of the project area, all key elements of the project scope. The team members also demonstrated an overall enthusiasm for setting a new standard for TOD in Los Angeles.

Of all the responding firms, the EIP team is best qualified to fulfill the overall objective of the project.

CONSULTANT CONTRACT

Consultant:

I.K. Curtis Services

Scope:

The Southern California Association of Governments purchased aerial imagery in 2005 for five counties in the region: Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside, San Bernardino and Ventura. The imagery is used for various planning projects and applications. Updated imagery is needed for the same counties. This Request for Proposal (RFP) is a solicitation for the services of a qualified firm to provide such imagery. The preferred format is digital orthophoto imagery.

The purpose of this project is the acquisition of true color imagery that can be used in SCAG's planning projects and other applications. The main objectives are: (1) To obtain a seamless digital imagery product for use as a GIS analytical tool, (2) acquire a product that can be used for various purposes. Examples include, but are not limited to map backgrounds and transportation modeling, (3) acquire a product which will facilitate identification of changes since the previous aerial survey, and allow analysis in a digital environment, (4) obtain a product that can be used in conjunction with other digital databases currently stored in ArcView and ArcInfo formats (shapes and coverages), (5) obtain a product that will facilitate responding to requests for image backgrounds, and other data that SCAG may be able to provide, in an interactive web-based environment, (6) acquire a product that will enable photo draping on terrain models and allow for various terrain analyses.

In addition to the required deliverables listed below, the Consultant will provide training to key SCAG staff in the software used for storage, manipulation, and retrieval of imagery:

Seamless imagery covering the selected areas within the region on CD-ROM or other high capacity data storage such as DVD

1 or 2 -Foot resolution for the urban portions of the region (Los Angeles County must be at 1 foot resolution)

Unlimited license to use and reproduce materials for all participating funding agencies

The imagery must have been acquired within 18 months prior to the start of this Request for Proposals. Vendors were encouraged to determine which areas have existing imagery that is suitable for SCAG's needs. The product is to consist of seamless digital imagery covering the specific areas outlined in the RFP. A delivery schedule for finished products is to be provided to SCAG. Initial products are to be available as soon as possible and the delivery completed no later than June 30, 2007.

CONSULTANT CONTRACT

Consultant:

Jack Faucett Associates

Scope:

The SCAG region is faced with many challenges amongst which energy is possibly foremost. In developing future plans, SCAG must fully weigh and consider energy supply, distribution and use. SCAG forecasts the region will add over 6 million people, 2 million households, and 3 million jobs between 2000 and 2030. These people, households, and jobs will place new demands on energy generation and distribution in the region. Furthermore, population is growing in the hot climate zones of inland Southern California, resulting in increased land use development and its associated energy demands. With California importing 36 percent of the petroleum processed in its refineries from foreign countries, continued oil price fluctuation and supply reductions have helped bring forth concerns about dependence on petroleum and has renewed national, state, and regional interest in energy policy.

SCAG will engage the consultant team to assist in developing a broad regional energy planning and programmatic effort through its Regional Comprehensive Plan (RCP) process. The consultant team will develop a fact-based foundation for assessing SCAG's energy needs through 2035 and provide a basis for long-term energy planning activities, including developing cost scenarios and mitigation measures based on a reasonable range of assumptions. In addition, the consultant will work with a group of energy stakeholders to develop a shared base of information and create a path of action with broad support. In addition, the consultant will assist in establishing quantifiable performance outcomes for energy.

The main objective of this work program is to develop a fact-based, integrative analysis of the region's energy needs through 2035 to guide best practices, policies, and performance outcomes in the Energy Chapter of the RCP. This work program will also guide policies and performance outcomes in several chapters of the RCP such as transportation, air quality, and housing.

Another objective of this work program is to consult with State and local energy planners and other professionals with a role in energy planning. To this end, the consultant will work with SCAG's recently formed Energy Working Group to understand various energy planning processes. The stakeholders will establish quantifiable plan outcomes for energy. In addition, the energy group will identify feasible energy action items for the state, region, and municipalities. SCAG's member cities could incorporate SCAG's data into their planning processes, saving time and money in the provision of public utilities.

This work will also address new planning requirements in SAFETEA-LU by encouraging the safe and efficient management of surface transportation while minimizing transportation-related fuel consumption and air pollution. Furthermore, this work will support new SAFETEA-LU requirements by enhancing consultation with planning officials responsible for other types of planning activities affected by transportation (i.e., California Energy Commission, California Public Utilities Commission). Finally, the energy planning work will support the new SAFETEA-LU requirements by considering projects and strategies that will protect and enhance the environment, promote energy conservation, and improve the quality of life.

Contract Amount:	Total not to exceed	\$98,465
	Jack Faucett Associates (prime)	\$66,465
	TIAX (subcontractor)	\$22,000
	Univ. of California Transportation Center (subcontractor)	\$10,000

Contract Period: Notice to Proceed through June 30, 2007

Work Element:	07-020.SCGC2	\$86,995	Funding Sources: Consolidated Planning Grant – FHWA
	07-020.SCGC2	\$11,470	Funding Source: TDA

Request for Proposal: SCAG staff notified 559 pre-qualified firms of the release of RFP No. 07-007. The RFP was also advertised on Lawley Publications' website, the Planning Magazine's website, and posted on SCAG's bid management system. The following seven proposals were received in response to the solicitation:

Clark Strategic Partners (subcontractors: Bharat Patel, Anthony Fairclough, Hartmann Schobel, Interns from UCLA, USC, RAND Corporation)	\$100,000
GDS Associates, Inc.	\$99,550
J Leddy, Inc.	\$68,300
Jack Faucett Associates (subcontractors: TIAX, Univ. of California Transportation Center)	\$98,465
K. J. Kammerer & Associates (subcontractor: Robin J. Walther)	\$100,000
ICF International	\$99,907
The Sheltair Group (subcontractors: Stephen Hall & Assoc., Greenform, Victoria Transport Institute)	\$99,800

Selection Process:

The Proposal Review Committee (PRC) evaluated all seven (7) proposals in accordance with the criteria set forth in the RFP, and the selection process was conducted in a manner consistent with all applicable Federal and State contracting regulations. Interviews were held with four (4) offerors.

The PRC was comprised of the following individuals:

Susan Munves, Energy Administrator, City of Santa Monica Energy Office

Sylvia Patsaouras, Manager, Environmental Division, SCAG

Jennifer Brost Sarnecki, Associate Regional Planner, SCAG

David Sosa, Senior Regional Planner, Caltrans

Ty Schuiling, Director of Planning and Programming, San Bernardino Associated Governments

Basis for Selection:

The PRC committee recommends Jack Faucett Associates (JFA) for the contract award because of the firm's unique qualifications to fulfill the requirements of the project. The consultant team, led by JFA, received the highest combined score on their proposal and interview evaluations. Their composite score of 93.5 was approximately five points above the second place offeror. In particular, JFA exhibited a strong command of the energy analysis needs of the region. JFA's experience with similar studies in California will benefit the SCAG region by providing context and connections to other energy analysis and conservation efforts. JFA also has a solid track record with over 30 years of energy planning experience. JFA's consultant team also brings an expertise in advanced energy technologies and energy conservation options.

The JFA consultant team demonstrated exceptional technical and analytical expertise in energy planning, particularly in transportation fuels and air quality. They have an extensive history working with California state agencies on issues of energy, alternative fuels, and the environment. Specifically, energy studies undertaken by the team include: "Fueling the Future: Transportation Energy in California," completed for Caltrans; "Goods Movement Energy Efficiency" prepared for the California Energy Commission; "Evaluation of Proposed Incentives to Introduce Electric Vehicles into California" for the California Energy Commission; the AB 1007 Study (Alternative Fuels Plan) for the California Energy Commission (ongoing); and Hydrogen Economy Economic Impacts for the U.S. Department of Energy (ongoing). The subconsultant TIAX has also worked with the California Air Resources Board on the "California Strategy to Reduce Petroleum Dependency," where they provided cost, energy, and emissions analyses for the project. TIAX has also worked extensively with CalEPA and ARB to plan and implement an expedited program responding to the Governor's Executive Order regarding the Hydrogen Highway.

In addition to their extensive experience with all aspects of the transportation energy and alternative fuels fields of study, JFA has a hands-on understanding of SCAG's planning processes and responsibilities. This experience will allow JFA to ramp-up quickly, delivering the products on time and within budget. Most recently, JFA worked with SCAG and the Westside Cities Subregion in both the Growth Visioning and Planning for Integrated Land Use and Transportation (PILUT) phases of the COMPASS Program. JFA has also assisted SCAG on several projects including developing freight movement indicators for the SCAG region and developing a travel demand model for trucks.

In conclusion, the JFA consultant team is uniquely qualified to fulfill the overall objective of this study, which is to conduct a regional assessment of energy demand and supply for the RCP and the 2007/2008 RTP. They are willing and able to meet the demanding requirements of this project within a limited budget and schedule. And finally, the JFA staff of economists, transportation analysts, and environmental planners is immediately available to undertake this important effort.

CONSULTANT CONTRACT

Consultant: Meyer, Mohaddes Associates

Scope: The Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) is the designated Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for the six-county region, including Imperial, Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside, San Bernardino and Ventura counties. As the designated MPO, SCAG has the responsibility to develop a Regional Transportation Plan (RTP). Federal law requires the RTP to be updated at least every four years.

To support the development/update of the RTP and track the effectiveness of plan implementation, there is a need for an effective transportation monitoring system. For example, monitoring data on speed or delay provides the measures for mobility, an important performance indicator for the RTP. Monitoring data could also play the role as inputs (e.g. number of lanes) or for validation (such as average daily traffic) during the transportation modeling process.

In 2002, SCAG developed the initial component of a Regional Transportation Monitoring Information System (RTMIS). The initial component includes the continuous downloading of the PeMS (Performance Measurement System) data and access to (Highway Performance monitoring System) HPMS data in the region. While the PeMS data is limited to freeways only, the HPMS data encompasses all federal-aid system including freeway system and selected arterials.

Currently, mapping the collected data is not user friendly. The mapping option is very slow over the Internet and requires redesigning of the current system. RTMIS also does not have the capability to generate graphs, tables, charts, and numerous other analytical applications while the PeMS does have. The HPMS measures and monitors the condition, usage and operating characteristics of the highway system. While it contains over 90 data elements, it does not include key performance indicators such as speed or delay. Consequently, both the RTMIS and HPMS perform very limited roles in transportation monitoring and need significant improvements.

The primary objective of this project is to develop a strategy and implementation plan for SCAG to develop an enhanced regional transportation monitoring system that is cost effective and sustainable.

The Consultant will provide an assessment of the existing RTMIS/HPMS through a diagnosis of the technical aspects of the

system, identifying agency needs in transportation monitoring that are not met through the existing RTMIS/HPMS system, conducting literature review and case studies to gain understanding about best practices in transportation monitoring at the MPO level and conducting surveys as needed with respect to highway transportation data collection activities affecting the SCAG region.

The Consultant will develop a methodology including indicators to monitor highway system performance. The Consultant will develop and evaluate alternatives for enhancement of the current system. In developing and evaluating the alternatives, the consultant is required to consider, for example, the use of GIS for displaying the relevant information and analysis, the changing environment of information technology, and the need for integrating the arterial and freeway components in performance monitoring.

Finally, the Consultant will provide recommendations including a development strategy and implementation plan with respect to the further enhancement of the in-house HPMS/RTMIS and/or strategies for deploying/access new tools to support the agency-wide needs.

Contract Amount:	Total not to exceed	\$124,970
	Meyer, Mohaddes Associates (prime)	\$106,970
	Franklin Hill Group (subcontractor)	\$18,000

Contract Period: Notice to Proceed through June 30, 2007

Work Element: 07-080.SCGC1 \$124,970 Funding Sources: FHWA
Planning & TDA

Request for Proposal: SCAG staff notified 609 pre-qualified firms of the release of RFP No. 07-002. The RFP was also advertised on Lawley Publications' website, the Planning Magazine's website, and posted on SCAG's bid management system. The following two proposals were received in response to the solicitation:

Booz Allen Hamilton (1 subcontractor)	\$118,111
Meyer, Mohaddes Associates (1 subcontractor)	\$124,970

Selection Process: The Proposal Review Committee (PRC) evaluated both proposals in accordance with the criteria set forth in the RFP, and the selection process was conducted in a manner consistent with all applicable Federal and State contracting regulations. Interviews were held with both offerors.

The PRC was comprised of the following individuals:

Mike Ainsworth, Lead Modeling Analyst, SCAG
Ping Chang, Program Manager II, SCAG
Philip Law, Regional Planner Specialist, SCAG
Kathleen McCune, LACMTA, Transportation Planning Manager
Leanne Williams, Senior Transportation Planner, Caltrans District 7
Alex Yu, Senior Programmer Analyst, Sapphire

Basis for Selection:

The PRC recommends Meyer, Mohaddes Associates (MMA) for the contract award because of the firm's unique qualifications to fulfill the requirements of the project.

MMA has completed or is conducting county-wide transportation projects in each of the six counties in the region. MMA has a good track record of countywide transportation system monitoring in Southern California. For example, MMA is currently completing a Countywide Significant Arterial Network (CSAN) project and related databases for the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority. They have also prepared a multi-modal performance monitoring system for Orange County. These working experiences will be very valuable in developing the framework and recommendations to enhance the transportation monitoring system for the SCAG region.

The MMA team demonstrated substantive knowledge and capability on local and regional transportation issues. They utilized their broad understanding of regional mobility and experience in data sources and sampling methods in developing the technical approach for this project. For example, MMA proposed to utilize strategic corridors and screen line data for performance monitoring. Their proposed framework also considers the strengths and weakness of the existing Highway Performance Monitoring System (HPMS) and other data collection system such as the Intelligent Transportation System (ITS).

The MMA team has the appropriate focus in involving stakeholders from the beginning to define the end user requirements. They have an emphasis on the sustainability of the system and are aware of the limitation of solutions primarily based on technologies. In addition, the sub-consultant brings expertise for statistical analysis and strategic planning that complements well with the core team.

Finally, this project will involve a regional technical advisory committee including representatives from jurisdictions and interested stakeholders. Based on their successful experience, MMA proposed to use of a project website that will facilitate the project development process.

In summary, the MMA team demonstrated ability to translate their depth of experience and knowledge into sound technical approaches in transportation monitoring makes them uniquely qualified to fulfill the overall objective of this study.

CONSULTANT CONTRACT

Consultant: Vasquez & Company LLP

Scope: The Consultant shall perform independent auditing and related services for SCAG for the year ending June 30, 2006, the Base Year, with two (2) one year Option renewals contingent on funding agency approval. The Consultant will be responsible for completing the Annual Financial Report, the Auditor's Report on the Single Audit Act, and be required to attend meetings of the Regional Council, Boards of Directors, Administration Committee and Audit Committee.

Also, an Executive Level Consultation task was not included in the original Request for Proposal (RFP) Scope of Work but added to the requirements during the negotiation phase.

Contract Amount:	Total not to exceed	\$215,400
	Vasquez & Company LLP (no subcontractors)	\$215,400

Contract Period: July 20, 2006 through June 30, 2009

Total contract period is for three years that include a Base year and two Option years at \$61,800 per year. Also, there is a provision for Executive Level Consultation at \$10,000 per year.

Work Element:	07-820.SCGC3	\$61,800	Funding Source: Indirect
	07-820.SCGC4	\$10,000	Funding Source: Indirect

Request for Proposal: SCAG staff notified 118 pre-qualified firms and postcards were mailed to 50 of the Top LA Accounting Firms as published in the Los Angeles Business Journal of the release of RFP No. 07-001. The RFP was also posted on SCAG's web site. The following Consultant responded to the RFP:

Vasquez & Company LLP (no subcontractors)	\$185,400
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Selection Process: The Proposal Review Committee (PRC) evaluated the proposal in accordance with the criteria set forth in the RFP, and the selection process was conducted in a manner consistent with all applicable Federal and State contracting regulations. Interviews were held with the Consultant.

The PRC was comprised of the following individuals:

Basil Panas, Director of Budget, Metro
Morteza Estabari, Associate Transportation Planner, Caltrans District 7
Richard Howard, Internal Auditor, SCAG

Basis for Selection:

The PRC committee recommended Vasquez & Company LLP for the contract award because of the firm's unique qualifications to fulfill the requirements of the project.

Vasquez & Company LLP has performed a considerable number of local government audits and is experienced in the areas that concern SCAG. The firm has performed audits of Los Angeles County, the LACMTA, Southern California Regional Rail Authority, Alameda Corridor Authority and numerous local cities.